

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendment and reconsideration in view of the amendment and the following remarks.

The claims are definite and distinguished from the citations and Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of all the claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) including fees for any required extension of time, to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

By Michael E. Belk
Michael E. Belk, Reg. 33,357
Patent Attorney
(914) 333-9643

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being

[] deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:
Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313

[X] transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at 703-872-9311.

On August 14, 2003

By Noemi Oliva

OFFICIAL